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Dear Paul,

“Thank you” is so inadequate for the amazing journey that we had been on over the past weeks. To see the joy in Katherine when she first read of her award, through the days leading up to and including the Breakfast last Wednesday has been so wonderful for us as her proud parents. Seeing her make her speech before such a large crowd was a feeling we will never forget. The photos we took on the day show a young girl with a spark in her face that we have never seen before. She was truly in another world.

Her enthusiasm is very catching and we are daily amazed at her willingness to have a go at anything in her sports, despite her physical limitations, and perhaps most of all she revels in the company of her fellow athletes and friends.

She has received so many cards, telephone calls and even flowers of congratulations from friends and relatives from both the past and present. From her Kindergarten Teacher, through to her Coaches and School staff and students, all of whom have had a hand in moulding the beautiful person that she is. Today for the first time she expressed a desire to make a representative team in the future and asked how she could go to a Games. A spark has really been ignited.

So thank you to all the wonderful members of the Lords Taverners Australia Tasmania Branch for bestowing this award on Katherine. But most importantly for making a real difference in the lives of so many disadvantaged youth. You really are achieving your goals.

Kindest regards

Ruth and Chris Symons